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SUBJECT: NO EVIDENCE OF MISSILE STOLEN FROM NATO BASE

1. BRITISH PRESS (THE GUARDIAN) JANUARY 10 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORY ABOUT NATO MISSILES AND OTHER WEAPONS REPORTEDLY STOLEN FROM A BELGIAN ARMY BASE, APPARENTLY DUREN, NEAR COLOGNE. STORY (BY NORTON-TAYLOR IN BRUSSELS AND FAIRHALL IN LONDON) ASSERTED THAT THE WIDESPREAD SECURITY ALERT AT EUROPEAN AIRPORTS RECENTLY WAS TIED TO THAT THEFT RATHER THAN TO SA-7 MISSILES. STORY ATTRIBUTES ITS SLANT TO "BELGIAN AND NATO SOURCES."
2. FCO OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING INTERNAL SECURITY MATTERS INFORMED US LATE IN DAY THAT BRITISH HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT MISSILES ARE MISSING.

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